



September 25, 2014
Meeting Minutes

- Welcome
Present: Allan Ninness, Steve Galt, Niki Trusty, Jacquie Tripp, Bill Watson, Cindy Wise, Mike Herron, Keith Teal, Stacy Morse, Chris Pulley, Dennis Ferrell, Roger Craig, John Eudy
- Motion to approve last Meeting Minutes: Mike Herron & Keith Teal
- CERN Steering Committee Report –
Allan Ninness discussed that the Steering Committee had not met as much as he would like. Nominations: President, Steve Galt; President Elective, Mike Herron; Secretary/Treasurer, Jamie Byrd.
- Committees
 - (a) Hazard Vulnerability Assessment/Mitigation – Allan Ninness discussed stepping up Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, and wanting to do another after the 1st of the year in more depth; a study that allows for more verbiage that will help with the disaster plan and develop capability. He stated that we are working on hazardous materials response, and that we only have one a regional team located in Marion. At that distance, response could take an hour+. This means that we need to develop local response. We are getting ready to be subject to fracking in Southern Illinois which means we will see more hazardous material in the area. Flood Mitigation projects are in the appraisal stage in Saline County. The grant has been approved for 9 buyouts in the county. Gallatin County has 23 buyouts, and are to the bidding process, according to Steve Galt, who also stated that this project takes 3-3 ½ years to complete. The Mitigation Plan allows for more Mitigation Projects. There are other projects that we could be used to get funding. This funding will not pay for the facility, but it will pay to make it safer. Allan Ninness explained that we are working on Community Sheltering with hopes to use shipping containers as public shelters in public places at a low cost.
 - (b) VOAD (CERT, EMRC, Mass Care & Sheltering, Faith-based, Unaffiliated and Affiliated Volunteers) – Allan Ninness stated that there will be a class soon, and having them every year would best fill the class. He also discussed the Volunteer & Donations Management Annex that was Emergency Operations Plan, and the need to have an annual meeting with speakers from other disasters elaborating on ways to improve the Volunteer & Donations Management. The annex will have tools as far as forms; so we will just have to hand out job descriptions in the event of a disaster. DHS funded, Citizens Corp Council will hopefully be repurposed as the lead agency for

donations/volunteers. Ninness mentioned the draft copy of the Debris Management Plan being inserted into the Saline County Emergency Operations Plan. The reason for it still being a draft being that contracts of contractors still needed to be added. Ninness stated that FEMA will give more money with this plan, and that disasters rely heavily on state resources. Copies of the Saline County Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Plan will be handed out soon by Allan Ninness.

- (c) LEPC – Allan Ninness discussed updates in new disaster plan Hazardous Materials Annex, and that many facilities are not reporting properly. He also discussed the importance of communication. Steve Galt discussed the chemical/fertilizer plan fire that took place in Ridgway. 75% of the chemical had been returned to TriCounty, otherwise hazardous materials could have made this worse than it was.
 - (d) Public Health (SNAP, SNS, First Responder Safety, Alternate medical sites) – Cindy Wise and Bill Watson stated that they were wrapping up their work at the festivals. Bill stated that Gallatin County probably had the cleanest fair, and that the rules had changed a lot in the last 2 years, and they were working to make sure that people were safe with the amount of food that came in to be a part of these festivals. The team discussed the importance of knowing that anytime a lot of people are put together, there can be a disaster. Stacy Morse and Keith Teal discussed Harrisburg Medical Center's drill. This was the first time that they had done an off-shift drill, and they decided to do 1 drill per year on an off-shift. They have hopes to participate in an active shooter drill.
 - (e) Fatality Management – Allan Ninness mentioned that the Saline County Coroner is still interested in doing a training, and that EMS had mentioned wanting to talk to the Gallatin County Coroner about doing a training there. Steve Galt also referenced the mobile morgue that is located in Marion.
 - (f) Resource Mapping (MOU's & MOA's, Contracting, Warehousing, Resource Matrix) – Allan Ninness told the team that Saline County Emergency Management Agency is considering bringing in an intern from Southeastern Illinois College. He also stated the importance of sharing information with each other. He used the example of not knowing how many generators are available locally, and that we needed to know what and where our resources are.
- Next Meeting – Upcoming Meetings
 - LEPC Meeting – October 16, 2014 (Time & Location TBD)
 - CERN Meeting – December 11, 2014 930-1130am (Location TBD) (**CERN officers need to be elected & a reminder needs to be sent out to recruit more people and to bring agenda items**)

Mission Statement

The S/G CERN is a group of individuals representing many community sectors committed to working collaboratively in the prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery planning for Saline and Gallatin counties in Southeastern Illinois.